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School for Advanced International Studies

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THE IMPACT OF SOVIET IMPERIALISM ON THE FREE WORLD

Course Offerings

1. Background and Development of Soviet Foreign Policy

A study of the historical roots of contemporary Soviet foreign policies together with an historical examination of their development since the 1917 Revolution. The course will be concerned with the correlation between Soviet internal and external affairs and, in particular, with the shaping of foreign policy prior to World War II, with the dynamics of Soviet expansionism as expressed in Soviet war-time policies, with Soviet diplomatic tactics in World War II, and with Soviet instruments of imperial control.

Willis Armstrong
(Department of State)

2. International Communism and the Current Policies of the Soviet Union

This course will deal with the organizational and functional aspects of the international communist movement as an instrument of Soviet policy. The methods and techniques of Soviet political and psychological warfare operations through the media of dependent parties or front groups, and the exploitation of local discontents will be closely examined by reference to concrete situations.

Rose Harvey
(Department of State)

3. The Theoretical Basis of the Communist Struggle for World Power

A critical examination of the Marxian theory, particularly as it has been adapted and developed by Soviet leadership to serve the ends of Soviet external policy. The organizational and doctrinal aspects of Communist theory will be examined, with particular reference to adaptations made by Communist leaders to challenges of situation and locale. Insofar as practicable, research in the seminar will be focused upon the Far East.

Robert Carew-Hunt
(School of Oriental Studies, University of London)

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4. Communist Expansionism in Europe

A detailed study of the Communist movement as an instrument of Soviet imperialism in Europe: the methods of Soviet domination and control, local leadership, internal tensions, and tactics. While attention will be centered primarily upon the satellite states, the nature of Communist developments in France, Italy, Germany, and Austria will also be examined.

William Deakin

(St. Antony's College, Oxford University)

5. The Soviet Union and the Middle East

A study of Soviet foreign policy, especially in respect to Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Israel, and of Communist activities throughout the Middle East since the end of World War II. Communist prospects and possibilities will be examined in light of existing economic difficulties and nationalist drives and of traditional cultural and religious patterns.

T. Cuyler Young (?)

(Princeton University)

6. Seminar

The seminar will focus attention on key points in Soviet pressure operations against the non-Soviet world. The following problems will be taken up in succession: the role of psychological warfare in Soviet strategy; Soviet utilization of international organizations; foreign trade policies; Soviet tactics with regard to nationalist movements; control and direction of non-Soviet communist parties; the role of war in Soviet strategy.

George Kennan

(Foreign Service, Department of State)

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